

PRO SE VIDEO HANDOUT

To be distributed to all parties representing themselves in matters involving the custody of a minor child.

You have decided to represent yourself (proceed Pro Se) in a matter that concerns the custody of a minor child (Divorce with Children, Legitimation, Modification of Custody, etc.). Matters involving the custody of minor children can be very complex and should not be taken lightly. The Judges of the Augusta Judicial Circuit always recommend seeking legal counsel in these important legal matters. However, under Georgia law, you are entitled to represent yourself. To ensure you are aware of the requirements for your case, the Augusta Judicial Circuit **REQUIRES ALL UNREPRESENTED PARTIES** in an action involving child custody to view a video detailing the legal process and procedure for a matter involving child custody. Please note the video is required regardless of any agreement on child custody between the parties; if you are proceeding Pro Se, you **MUST** view the video. The video may be viewed on any computer with internet access. If you do not have a computer with internet access, you may view the video in the Law Library on the 2nd floor of the Augusta Judicial Complex during normal office hours. Please follow the directions below to view the video.

PROCESS FOR PRO SE VIDEO

Step 1: Go to: http://www.augustalawyers.com/Augusta_Family_Law_Center/ProSe.html

Step 2: View the **ENTIRE** video.

Step 3: Click the link "Under the penalty of perjury and the risk of contempt, I certify that I have viewed the entire video." This will open an e-mail window.

Step 4: In the e-mail window, enter your Name, Case Number, and the Certification Code found at the end of the video.

Step 5: Click "Send." This will certify with the Augusta Judicial Circuit that you have completed the Pro Se Video requirement.

NOTE: YOU MUST VIEW THE VIDEO AND COMPLETE ALL STEPS ABOVE.

NOTE: THE JUDGE WILL NOT SCHEDULE A HEARING IN YOUR CASE UNTIL THE PARTIES HAVE E-MAILED THEIR CERTIFICATIONS TO THE COURT.

Thank you for your cooperation,

The Augusta Judicial Circuit